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BERLINERS ARE ONLY GUESTS IN CITY

Foreigners Buy Up Residences Natives Cannot Afford to Live In.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Four hundred billion paper marks' worth of houses have changed hands in Germany during the past year. In Berlin alone, one-sixth of all the business and dwelling houses have been bought up by foreigners at ridiculously low prices.

These figures tell the tale of Germany's economic collapse with more startling distinctness than all the speeches made on this subject in the Reichstag. The citizens of Berlin are rapidly becoming paying guests in their own city.

Foreigners are not only buying up all the available property in bloc, but are displaying great discrimination in the choice of location. Certain streets in the fashionable West End can now be designated by nationalities. The Uhlandstrasse, for example, is Hungarian; the Czechs own the greater part of the Guntzelstrasse; large blocks of houses in the Zoological Garden section belong to the Dutch; the Scandinavians show a preference for the borough of Schoenberg, and the Swiss have concentrated in Wilmsdorf.

Serbs Own 600 Houses. It is understood that the son of the Serbian minister, President Paschitch, has acquired twenty-three houses, for which he paid the sum of 200,000,000 marks, and that altogether 600 houses are owned by Serbs.

Real estate in Germany is curiously undervalued. A house worth 500,000 gold marks in peacetime, could be bought today for a million paper marks, whereas the gold mark today is worth 2,000 paper marks.

Conditions are such that Berlin property owners are forced to part with their houses, as rents are kept down to so low a level by the naval rent law, as to make it impossible to operate those properties without a deficit. Landlords are no longer in a position to undertake the most imperative repairs and the houses already showing signs of years of compulsory neglect, would soon become untenable if they did not pass into the hands of foreigners.

Until a few weeks ago, the heaviest buyers of real estate were Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. Americans Hold Off.

Spaniards were also much in evidence buying up property for a big Spanish consortium similar to the American syndicate founded for the purpose of utilizing marks deposits in Germany. Strangely enough, the English, French and Americans have shown less interest in this particular phase of Germany's "bargain sales," but have confined their attention chiefly to big business ventures.

One of the eager classes of buyers are big syndicates with millions of papers marks at their disposal, which they are investing in something that "rust cannot destroy nor thieves break through and steal." Numbers of these big syndicates own from 300 to 400 houses each in Berlin and are still buying. It is estimated that any one of the city's enterprising real estate agents makes from ten to twenty million marks a day in commissions.

If the German rent law should be repealed, it is claimed, and rents raised to a level with other living expenditures, the value of real estate would shoot up like a sky rocket.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE PLANS ARE DISCLOSED CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—J. B. Strauss, one of Chicago's best-known civil engineers, has made public his plans for the erection of a bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco, which he has drawn up in conjunction with M. M. O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco's city engineer.

Hitherto the bridge, the central span of which will be no less than 4,000 feet in length, has been looked upon as a wild flight of imagination, but recent advances in engineering and bridge design have been so great that the proposed construction is now a practical proposition, if and when erected, the structure will be the greatest in point of magnitude and span in the world.

Free On Parole, Will Aid Girl His Auto Hit

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"Liquor has brought you where you are today. You have given me your word of honor not to touch a drop of intoxicating liquor the rest of your life," County Judge Bleakley yesterday at White Plains told William Thompson, arraigned on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Thompson went out of the courtroom, free until April, when he will be sentenced. "The extent of your punishment depends upon the extent of reparation you make to the young woman you struck," said the court.

Thompson has been in jail six weeks. Friends offered bail, but he stuck to his cell saying he was going to recompense the State as much as was in his power.

His one idea now is to get work and reimburse Miss Helen Dugan, twenty-five, of Bedford Hills, sole support of her mother, who is seriously injured as the result of the accident.

Thompson was madly driving a lampless automobile along a dark lane.

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2 BEARS LEVIED ON TO PAY DEBTS

Juicy Steaks Held in Cold Storage at Clarksburg Following Seizure.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Levying on the dressed carcasses of two two-year-old bears for debt was rather an unusual proceeding here and it held up their being converted into steaks at a local meat market.

John E. Raikes, Union Heights, owned the bears. He had raised them from cubs. John W. Duty held a judgment against Raikes and he placed the judgment in the hands of Deputy Sheriff C. S. Ash, who proceeded to execute it by levying on the bears. It is the usual proceeding to wait ten days after issuing execution to make sale of personal property, but in the case of the bears an agreement will probably be reached at once. For the present, the carcasses, duly skinned and ready to be carved into steaks, are in cold storage.

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200 DELEGATES WILL ATTEND CONCLAVE

Phi Alpha Fraternity Visitors Will Be Guests of Local Chapter.

Arrangements are complete for the entertainment of 200 delegates who will attend the annual supreme convocation of the Phi Alpha national fraternity here for three days, beginning tomorrow. The visitors will be the guests of the local chapter.

Business sessions will be held in the City Club on each of the three days, from 10 to 5 o'clock. A sightseeing tour will be given delegates arriving today. A buffet supper and smoker will be held at the Washington chapter house.

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